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On 20 December 1948 a meeting was held at the club of the High al-Shaab which was attended by representatives of opposition elements to the present Syrian Government. The only group not invited was the Communist Party. Those present at the meeting, in addition to leaders of the Hisb al-Shaeb, were: Sami Kabbarah, Subhi 'Umari, Akram Haurani, independents; Michel Aflaq, Arab Resurrection Party; Muhammad Mubarak, Ikhwan al-kuslimin and Himb al-Shaab; Hasan Hakim, Nisib Bakri, and

Said Khaydar. Although invited, Antum Sa'adah, of the Hisb al-Qammi,

- 2. At this meeting the opposition representatives decided that one party should be formed from the various elements, to carry on opposition to the government and to direct public opinion and action.
- 3. The question of Greater Syria was not discussed at the meeting. Sami Kabbarah told source that members of the Hisb al-Shaeb had agreed among themselves not to say anything at this time which would tie members of this opposition movement to King 'Abdullah of Transjordan, "whatever their real feelings might be. *

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